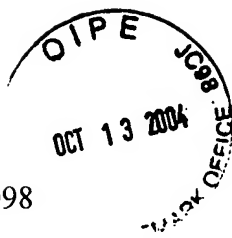


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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2004, now due to expire July 22, 2004, be extended for three month(s) and set to expire on October 22, 2004.

Please charge the extension fee of \$980.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

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